Misappropriation of Funds by former CMD of CCI

1119. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from the CCI Officers' Association alleging gross mismanagement and misappropriation of funds running into crores of rupees by the Company's former Chairman and Managing Director, Anand Darbari;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) whether Government have made any inquiry into the allegations levelled by the Association;

(d) if so, what is the result thereof stating the level at which inquiry was conducted by Government; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CCI Officers' Association has submitted a Memorandum alleging misappropriation of funds and various acts of irregularities committed by the former CMD, CCI, such as bungling in purchase of coal, appointment of favoured persons as Handling and Transport contractors, procurement of HDPE/Paper bags at abnormally high rates, diversion of funds etc.

(c) to (e) No separate enquiry has been made into the allegations levelled by the Association. However, in connection with some allegations and complaints received earlier, Govt, has already constituted an Inter-Departmental Committee of Officers to look into the matter. The Delhi High Court has, however, restrained Government from taking action on the basis of report of the Committee until further orders.

PSUs running in Losses

1120. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Public Sector Units running into losses during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the loss incurred by each PSU during this period;

(c) the number of persons employed in each unit;